

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6793–S6828

Measures Introduced: Nine bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2963–2971, and S. Res. 445. **Pages S6824–25**

Measures Reported:

S. 2877, to reauthorize the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002. **Page S6824**

Sinatra, Jr. Nomination—Cloture: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of John L. Sinatra, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Western District of New York. **Pages S6800–18**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 76 yeas to 16 nays (Vote No. EX. 370), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S6800**

Nomination Votes—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 2 p.m., on Wednesday, December 4, 2019, Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations of John L. Sinatra, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Western District of New York, Sarah E. Pitlyk, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri, Douglas Russell Cole, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio, R. Austin Huffaker, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Alabama, and David B. Barlow, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah; that at 11:30 a.m., on Wednesday, December 4, 2019, Senate vote on the motions to invoke cloture on the nominations of Richard Ernest Myers II, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina, Sherri A. Lydon, to be United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina, and Robert M. Duncan, of Kentucky, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service; and that if cloture is invoked on the nominations, the confirmation votes occur at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Democratic Leader, on Thursday, December 5, 2019. **Page S6800**

Pitlyk Nomination—Cloture: By 50 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 371), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination of Sarah E. Pitlyk, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri. **Pages S6818–19**

Cole Nomination—Cloture: By 62 yeas to 29 nays (Vote No. EX. 372), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination of Douglas Russell Cole, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio. **Page S6819**

Huffaker Nomination—Cloture: By 88 yeas to 4 nays (Vote No. EX. 373), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination of R. Austin Huffaker, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Alabama. **Pages S6819–20**

Barlow Nomination—Cloture: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of David B. Barlow, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah. **Page S6820**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 88 yeas to 4 nays (Vote No. EX. 374), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S6820**

Myers Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday, December 4, 2019, Senate resume consideration of the nomination of Richard Ernest Myers II, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina. **Page S6828**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 86 yeas to 4 nays (Vote No. EX. 369), Eric Ross Komitee, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York. **Pages S6795–S6800**

Messages from the House: **Page S6822**

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Record Votes: Six record votes were taken today. (Total—374) **Pages S6800, S6819–20**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:36 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, December 4, 2019. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6828.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

SUBSTANDARD MILITARY HOUSING CONDITIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine testimony from the Government Accountability Office on privatized housing findings to include responses from the military services on ongoing reports of substandard housing conditions and services, including preliminary observations on the Department of Defense's oversight of the condition of privatized military housing, after receiving testimony from Elizabeth A. Field, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management, Government Accountability Office; and Ryan D. McCarthy, Secretary of the Army, Thomas B. Modly, Acting Secretary of the Navy, Barbara M. Barrett, Secretary of the Air Force, General James C. McConville, USA, Chief of Staff of the Army, Admiral Michael M. Gilday, USN, Chief of Naval Operations, General David H. Berger, USMC, Commandant of the Marine Corps, and General David L. Goldfein, USAF, Chief of Staff of the Air Force, all of the Department of Defense.

NOMINATION

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Robert J. Feitel, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Cardin, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

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U.S. POLICY TOWARDS RUSSIA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the future of United States policy towards Russia, after receiving testimony from David Hale, Under Secretary for Political Affairs, and Christopher A. Ford, Assistant Secretary for International Security and Nonproliferation, both of the Department of State.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Stephen Hahn, of Texas, to be Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Department of Health and Human Services, Richard Giacalone, of Virginia, to be Federal Mediation and Conciliation Director, and Cynthia L. Attwood, of Virginia, and Amanda Wood Laihow, of Maine, both to be a Member of Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission.

FRAUDULENT TRADEMARKS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Intellectual Property concluded a hearing to examine fraudulent trademarks, focusing on how they undermine the trademark system and harm American consumers and businesses, after receiving testimony from Barton Beebe, New York University School of Law, and Megan K. Bannigan, Debevoise and Plimpton LLP, both of New York, New York; Douglas A. Rettew, Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garrett and Dunner, LLP, Washington, D.C.; Thomas Williams, Duke University School of Law, Durham, North Carolina; and Stephen Lee, Target, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 17 public bills, H.R. 5277–5293; and 5 resolutions, H. Res. 736–740 were introduced. **Pages H9221–22**

Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H9222–23

Reports Filed:

Reports were filed today as follows: H.R. 4739, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to protect U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers, agents, other personnel, and canines

against potential synthetic opioid exposure, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–318, Part 1);

H.R. 4761, to ensure U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers, agents, and other personnel have adequate synthetic opioid detection equipment, that the Department of Homeland Security has a process to update synthetic opioid detection capability, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–319, Part 1);

H. Res. 739, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2534) to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to prohibit certain securities trading and related communications by those who possess material, nonpublic information, and relating to consideration of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res 77) directing the President pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution to remove United States Armed Forces from hostilities in the Syrian Arab Republic that have not been authorized by Congress (H. Rept. 116–320); and

H.R. 2185, to amend the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 to allow the District of Columbia to receive Federal funding under such Act, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–321). **Page H9221**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Rose (NY) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H9187**

American Folklife Center in the Library of Congress—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following individual to the Board of Trustees of the American Folklife Center in the Library of Congress on the part of the House for a term of six years: Mr. Robert Anacletus Underwood of Hagatna, Guam. **Page H9188**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:06 p.m. and reconvened at 3:45 p.m. **Page H9188**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Citizenship for Children of Military Members and Civil Servants Act: H.R. 4803, amended, to facilitate the automatic acquisition of citizenship for lawful permanent resident children of military and Federal Government personnel residing abroad; **Pages H9188–89**

Advancing Mutual Interests and Growing Our Success Act: H.R. 565, amended, to include Portugal in the list of foreign states whose nationals are eligible for admission into the United States as E1 and E2 nonimmigrants if United States nationals are treated similarly by the Government of Portugal; **Pages H9189–91**

Providing that the amount of time that an elderly offender must serve before being eligible for placement in home detention is to be reduced by the amount of good time credits earned by the pris-

oner: H.R. 4018, amended, to provide that the amount of time that an elderly offender must serve before being eligible for placement in home detention is to be reduced by the amount of good time credits earned by the prisoner; **Pages H9191–92**

Supporting the Global Fund to fight AIDS, tuberculosis (TB), malaria, and its Sixth Replenishment: H. Res. 517, amended, supporting the Global Fund to fight AIDS, tuberculosis (TB), malaria, and its Sixth Replenishment; **Pages H9192–94**

End Neglected Tropical Diseases Act: H.R. 3460, to facilitate effective research on and treatment of neglected tropical diseases through coordinated international efforts; **Pages H9194–97**

Disapproving the Russian Federation's inclusion in future Group of Seven summits until it respects the territorial integrity of its neighbors and adheres to the standards of democratic societies: H. Res. 546, disapproving the Russian Federation's inclusion in future Group of Seven summits until it respects the territorial integrity of its neighbors and adheres to the standards of democratic societies, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 339 yeas to 71 nays, Roll No. 643; **Pages H9197–98, H9208–09**

Reaffirming support for the Good Friday Agreement and other agreements to ensure a lasting peace in Northern Ireland: H. Res. 585, reaffirming support for the Good Friday Agreement and other agreements to ensure a lasting peace in Northern Ireland; and **Pages H9198–H9201**

Uyghur Human Rights Policy Act of 2019: S. 178, amended, to condemn gross human rights violations of ethnic Turkic Muslims in Xinjiang, and calling for an end to arbitrary detention, torture, and harassment of these communities inside and outside China, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 407 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 644. **Pages H9201–08, H9209**

Recess: The House recessed at 5:56 p.m. and reconvened at 6:29 p.m. **Page H9208**

Amending section 442 of title 18, United States Code, to exempt certain interests in mutual funds, unit investment trusts, employee benefit plans, and retirement plans from conflict of interest limitations for the Government Publishing Office: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 5277, to amend section 442 of title 18, United States Code, to exempt certain interests in mutual funds, unit investment trusts, employee benefit plans, and retirement plans from conflict of interest limitations for the Government Publishing Office. **Pages H9209–10**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H9187.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H9208–09. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Committee Meetings

INSIDER TRADING PROHIBITION ACT; EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES REGARDING UNITED STATES EFFORTS TO RESOLVE THE ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CONFLICT THROUGH A NEGOTIATED TWO-STATE SOLUTION

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 2534, the “Insider Trading Prohibition Act”; and began a hearing on H. Res. 326, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding United States efforts to resolve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict through a negotiated two-state solution. The Committee granted, by record vote of 7–4, a structured rule providing for consideration of H.R. 2534, the “Insider Trading Prohibition Act”. The rule provides one hour of general debate on the bill equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Financial Services. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 116–39 shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule provides that a motion to discharge House Concurrent Resolution 77 shall be in order on December 11, 2019, if offered by Representative Gabbard, with 20 minutes of debate equally divided and controlled by Representative Gabbard and an

opponent. The rule provides that the provisions of section 7 of the War Powers Resolution shall not apply during the remainder of the One Hundred Sixteenth Congress to House Concurrent Resolution 77. Testimony was heard from Representatives Himes, Huizenga, Levin, Zeldin, and Lowenthal.

BUSINESS MEETING

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Full Committee held a business meeting on the Report Issued by the Chair, Pursuant to Section 2, Paragraph 6 of H. Res. 660, as Part of the House of Representatives’ Impeachment Inquiry. The Report Issued by the Chair, Pursuant to Section 2, Paragraph 6 of H. Res. 660, as Part of the House of Representatives’ Impeachment Inquiry passed, without amendment.

Joint Meetings

BALKAN RECOVERY

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission received a briefing on Balkan recovery, focusing on corruption, after receiving testimony from Martina Hrvolova, Center for International Private Enterprise, Washington, D.C.; Igor Novakovic, International and Security Affairs Centre, Belgrade, Serbia; Misha Popovikj, Institute for Democracy Societas Civilis, Skopje, North Macedonia; and Igor Stojanovic, Center for Civic Initiatives, Bosnia and Herzegovina.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1307)

H.R. 3889, to amend the Office of National Drug Control Policy Reauthorization Act of 1998 to make technical corrections. Signed on November 27, 2019. (Public Law 116–74)

H.R. 4258, to authorize the Marshal of the Supreme Court and the Supreme Court Police to protect the Justices, employees, and official guests of the Supreme Court outside of the Supreme Court grounds. Signed on November 27, 2019. (Public Law 116–75)

S. 1838, to amend the Hong Kong Policy Act of 1992. Signed on November 27, 2019. (Public Law 116–76)

S. 2710, to prohibit the commercial export of covered munitions items to the Hong Kong Police Force. Signed on November 27, 2019. (Public Law 116–77)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2019

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on SeaPower, with the Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold a joint hearing to examine United States Navy ship and submarine maintenance, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings to examine testimony about servicemember, family, and veteran suicides and prevention strategies, 3 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine legislative proposals to protect consumer data privacy, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine an original bill to create a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Chronic Wasting Disease Task Force, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Millennium Challenge Corporation, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Subcommittee on Near East, South Asia, Central Asia, and Counterterrorism, to hold hearings to examine Lebanon and Iraq protests, focusing on insights, implications, and objectives for United States policy, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Paul J. Ray, of Tennessee, to be Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Andrew Lynn Brasher, of Alabama, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit, Fernando L. Aenlle-Rocha, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, John Charles Hinderaker, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona, Joshua M. Kindred, to be United States District Judge for the District of Alaska, Scott H. Rash, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona, and Matthew Thomas Schelp, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri, 10 a.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Education and Labor, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Growing Up in Fear: How the Trump Administration’s Immigration Policies Are Harming Children”, 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Building Consumer Confidence by Empowering FDA to Improve Cosmetic Safety”, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Flu Season: U.S. Public Health Preparedness and Response”, 10:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Oversight of Prudential Regulators: Ensuring the Safety, Soundness, Diversity, and Accountability of Depository Institutions?”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Importance of the New START Treaty”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Impeachment Inquiry into President Donald J. Trump: Constitutional Grounds for Presidential Impeachment”, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands, hearing on H.R. 722, the “Miracle Mountain Designation Act”; H.R. 1702, the “Free Veterans from Fees Act”; H.R. 2317, the “Peter J. McGuire Labor Day Landmark Act”; H.R. 3094, to designate the National Pulse Memorial located at 1912 South Orange Avenue, Orlando, Florida, 32806, and for other purposes; H.R. 3349, the “Republic of Texas Legation Memorial Act”; H.R. 3465, the “Fallen Journalists Memorial Act of 2019”; and H.R. 5068, the “Women Who Worked on the Home Front Commemorative Work Act”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States, hearing on H.R. 1964, the “Lumbee Recognition Act”, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Reform, Subcommittee on Economic and Consumer Policy, hearing entitled “Broken Promises: Examining the Administration’s Retreat on Banning Vaping Flavors”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 4, the “Voting Rights Advancement Act of 2019”, 5 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Research and Technology; and Subcommittee on Environment, joint hearing entitled “Calm Before the Storm: Reauthorizing the National Windstorm Impact Reduction Program”, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Embracing Corporate Social Responsibility: Small Business Best Practices”, 11:30 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Wednesday, December 4

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Richard Ernest Myers II, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina.

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Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, December 4

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of H.R. 2534—Insider Trading Prohibition Act (Subject to a Rule).

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